Coercive sale of hot plates

922. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2665 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1986 and state:

(a) among these complaints, how may were pertaining to coercive sale of hot plates; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to save the consumers in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The number of complaints received by the Oil Industry against LPG distributors in Delhi pertaining to coercive sale of hot plates was as follows:

Year	*No. of complaints received*
1983 —	15
1984 —	25
1985 —	51

(b) A customer is at liberty to purchase LPG stove from any source subject to the condition that the stove carries the ISI certification mark. Also, appropriate action is taken against erring distributors by the oil companies under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Prices of bulk drugs

923. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have not implemented the prices fixed by his Ministry for bulk drugs and finished medicines due to stay orders from various courts;

(b) if so, what are the names of drug companies alongwith names of bulk drugs and finished medicines;

(c) what was the price fixed for each and what is the price being charged;

(d) what is the latest position of each case as on the 15th April, 1987;

(e) what was the sales turn over of each finished medicine per year since the year of fixation of price upto 31st March, 1987;

(f) what was the production of each bulk drug from 1980 to 1986 per year for which price has been challenged; and

(g) what are the grounds on which stay orders were granted in each case and what steps were taken by his Ministry in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a), (d) and (g) Some companies are charging their own prices due to stay orders/judgements from various courts. The stay orders were granted mainly on the ground that principles of natural justice had not been followed while fixing the prices. The Government filed Special Leave Petition in the Supreme Court against the judgement of the Delhi High Court. The Supreme Court in its judgement has upheld the prices fixed for M/s. Cyanamide (India) Ltd. Other appeals in the Supreme Court are listed for 1st May, 1987. The cases pending in other High Courts are also in the advanced stage of Hearing.

(b) The information to the extent available is given in the attached Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (f) Information to the extent available will be collected and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.

(e) Sales turnover of the formulations is not monitored.